

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 958

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 66055.4 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 958, as introduced, De La Torre. Public postsecondary education: nursing education.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of postsecondary education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Among the public segments of postsecondary education in the state are the California State University, as administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, as administered by the Regents of the University of California. Provisions of the act do not apply to the University of California unless the regents of the university act, by resolution, to make them applicable.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a program pursuant to which foreign-educated physicians may obtain a bachelor of science degree in nursing. The bill would require the trustees, and request the regents, to establish a nursing education program designed to allow foreign-educated physicians, and other qualified persons with a significant background of health care knowledge, to obtain bachelor of science degrees in nursing as a gateway to becoming registered nurses.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66055.4 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 66055.4. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist
4 individuals with sophisticated health care knowledge and skills to
5 gain employment as registered nurses. Specifically, it is the intent
6 of the Legislature to establish a program pursuant to which
7 foreign-educated physicians may obtain a bachelor of science
8 degree in nursing.

9 (b) The Trustees of the California State University shall, and
10 the Regents of the University of California are requested to,
11 establish a nursing education program designed to allow
12 foreign-educated physicians, and other qualified persons with a
13 significant background of health care knowledge, to obtain
14 bachelor of science degrees in nursing as a gateway to becoming
15 registered nurses.